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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT A

Honorable Commissioner of
Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a supplemental response to Amendment A that was filed September 23, 2002, responsive to the Office Action dated April 24, 2002. Please further amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS (clean version):

Please replace claim 27 with the following:

27. A screw-in type artificial hip joint socket comprising a shell body having an outer surface, said outer surface having a threaded portion provided thereon with a self-tapping threading for screwing into the acetabulum along a socket axis, the threading on the shell surface defined by ribs divided by cutting grooves (44) into individual blades (35, 36), said blades having a tooth profile which tapers from tooth foot out